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HAVING AURONE SYNTHESIS)
ACTIVITY)**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-cited Application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 3, line 1, please delete "or 2".

In claim 4, line 1, please delete "or 2".

In claim 5, line 1, please delete "or 2".

In claim 6, please delete "any one of claims 1 through 5" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 10, please delete "any one of claims 1 through 5" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 13, line 5, please delete "or claim 11".

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In claim 14, line 2, please delete "or claim 11".

In claim 15, please delete "any one of claims 1 through 5" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 16, please delete "any one of claims 1 through 5" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and early and favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 3-6, 10, and 13-16 have been amended to remove multiple dependency. No new matter has been added.

In the event that there are any questions concerning the present amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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